

PITTSBURG IN THROES OF REAL MORAL WAVE

Voters League and City Fathers
Lending a Hand in the
Cleanup.

TENDERLOIN ON THE RUN

Director Morin in Hot Water
and Accused of Mal-
feasance.

PITTSBURG, July 6.—Never in its history has Pittsburgh been so agitated over its moral status as at present, and never, not even in the ruling days of Mayor George W. Guthrie, has the city experienced such a cleaning up as is going on. The tenderloin is aghast, and many of its denizens are seeking other ports.

Stern police discipline, exercised quietly and almost secretly, is discouraging those whose vocations are not measured by legitimate standards. Without making public announcement of their intentions the police within the last ten days have done things that have made Pittsburgh probably the tightest big city in the United States. And the work has just begun.

There will be no compromise with the sinful. The ancient forms of vice that have lived since the dawn of time are not to be regulated, they must be banished utterly. It is the cleanest job yet.

That is the plan. But the several forces at work to accomplish this are already pulling in different directions. The church people—and Pittsburgh has an unusually large church-going population—are demanding absolute abstinence of the vices that are part of all big cities. The influence of this element is powerful and has impressed the police department so potentially that a campaign of elimination is on. If this is continued rigidly it is almost certain that regulated vice will have no place in Pittsburgh.

But the moral efficiency commission, recently appointed by Mayor Magee, has caused an uproar by issuing a bulletin in which it is declared vice should be regulated. That word was like a match thrown into a keg of powder and it promises to disrupt some of the ministerial associations. Rabbi Rudolph I. Coffee is a member of the commission. He says that regulation is the only solution of the problem.

In this he is supported by a minority of the clergy in the various denominations. Yet at a general ministerial meeting last Monday a resolution was adopted, scoring the commission for its confession that vice, traditionally rooted, cannot be wiped out but must be tolerated.

The City Council, desiring to please the greatest number, is perforce inclined toward the annihilation of wicked things and yet it cannot with good grace repudiate the moral commission that it created by ordinance.

But the Council, spurred by public sentiment, has ordered that Public Safety Director John M. Morin be tried for malfeasance in office before the Voters League charges he has permitted vice and immorality to grow and flourish. The public speaks through the Voters League and naturally the Council is not likely to be deterred.

If Chief of Police McQuade continues enforcing the orders he has promulgated it is going to break up a vice syndicate that has flourished here for years. It is a tight corporation that has put the men in it on the road to wealth and placed them in mansions and automobiles. Many of the biggest resorts and gambling houses are owned by this clique.

Whether McQuade is doing all this because a public sentiment demands it or whether it is to cause the ultimate defeat of the Voters League attack on Public Safety Director John M. Morin is a question that is causing the league some concern.

Whatever may be the motive of the Police Superintendent Pittsburgh is unquestionably getting a cleaning up such as it never had before. The big business men and professional men who believe in the Industrial Development Commission and the Voters League say the cleaning troops will be kept up so that the police will not be permitted to relax their activity and that within another year Pittsburgh's moral tone will be considerably above that ordinarily found in a great city.

NO GUARDS FOR ASTOR.

His Superintendent at Rhinebeck
Laughs at Blackmail Varn.

PONDKESKIE, July 6.—Vincent Astor is spending much of his time at his country home, Rhinebeck, where he has passed most of his life. He motors about the country freely, unattended by guards and takes the simple pleasures of country life without apprehensions of any sort.

Supt. Pinkham of the Astor estate laughed to-night when told of the yarn that Vincent Astor was guarded and was in receipt daily of letters from blackmailers. "The story is preposterous," said Mr. Pinkham. "There is no foundation for it whatever."

WITNESSES PRAISE HANFORD.

Says He Patiently Heard Both Sides
and Was Unbiased.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 6.—Virtually every witness called at the session today testified in favor of Judge Hanford, going into details as to his habit of closing his eyes while thinking deeply on a question and appearing to the ordinary person to be drowsy.

Jose Price, former United States Attorney, gave evidence to a period when Judge Hanford presided over the entire State of Washington, the vast amount of work he had to do and the strain it placed upon his physical condition.

Attorney W. H. Thompson told of having taken occasional drives with the Judge, but had never seen him under the influence of liquor. He said the Judge was fair, unbiased and given in no uncertain way. He said he always gave both sides a patient hearing whether he had any faith in their stand or not.

MAYOR AIDS MARKET CRUSADE.

Pittsburgh Executive Promises Re-
forms to Woman Club Leader.

PITTSBURG, Pa., July 6.—Mayor William A. Magee, looking sleepy, visited the wharf at a clock this morning with Mrs. John S. Flannery, president of the Federated Marketing Club, and talked with the farmers. He said conditions were worse than he pictured to him and promised to station more police on the wharf. Also he assured Mrs. Flannery he would sign the new farmers market ordinance Monday morning.

The Mayor declared Mrs. Flannery in his weeks had done more to solve the high cost of living than all the Pittsburgh city officials could do in ten years.

It looked as though most of the business should be done at the wharf, the Mayor said, after he had seen short changing, late returns, and other things, and some of the other descriptions practiced by the vendors of foodstuffs.

LORIMER CASE UP IN SENATE.

Senator Dillingham Opens the De-
bate—Vote Expected Wednesday.

WASHINGTON, July 6.—The Senate took up the Lorimer case today under special agreement, which provides for a vote on the case before the close of the legislative day of July 6. The case was not disposed of and a recess was taken until Monday, continuing the legislative day.

Senator Dillingham, chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, opened the discussion. He covered one phase of the case only and will resume Monday. It is expected that a vote will be reached about Wednesday.

When the case was taken up Mr. Lorimer was not in the Senate. His absence started a story that he intended to resign without permitting his case to come to a vote, but this report was dispelled when he walked in an hour after the debate had begun and remained an attentive listener. Once or twice he arose to explain certain phases of the case. Debate was free from sensational incidents.

GIRL INDICTED FOR FORGERY.

Esther Haltem, Newark Dressmaker,
Caught at Coney Island.

Esther Haltem, 20 years old, was arrested early last night at the Olympic Hotel, Henderson, W. Va., Coney Island, on a bench warrant issued upon an indictment found in New York county charging her with forgery. The arrest was made by Detective Wyman, attached to the Coney Island police station, accompanied by Supt. Harold S. Donnelly of the Pinkertons.

The young woman, the police say, was arrested in East New York on May 15, along with Frank Bernstein, alias Philip Berg, and Jacob Luban, alias Jacob Cohen, in connection with the deposit of a forged check for \$100 at the East New York branch of the Mechanics Bank of Brooklyn.

The police say that the young woman was the one who deposited this check and that this is not the first instance where she has deposited forged checks.

The plan of the group, according to the police, was for the depositing of a forged check and then drawing on the deposit before the original check should be discovered by the bank.

The two men, according to the detectives, were indicted and held for trial in Brooklyn. Their cases are due to come up next Monday. The girl was rearrested when she left court she was rearrested at the request of Supt. Donnelly of the Pinkertons in connection with the uttering of a forged check for \$200 deposited in Lederer's bank at East Fourth street and Avenue B.

The check was drawn on the Williamsburg branch of the State Bank and purported to be signed by J. Lederer. It was made payable to E. Riskind.

The young woman was held by Magistrate Barlow to await the action of the Grand Jury, but later was released from the Tombs after a writ of habeas corpus had been obtained.

Then the police lost track of her and found her again only last night. The girl says she is a dressmaker and that she lives at 148 South Eleventh street, Newark.

NO EARLY ADJOURNMENT.

Rules Committee Has at Least Two
Weeks Work for the House.

WASHINGTON, July 6.—Visions of early adjournment and home were shattered this morning when Chairman Henry of the Rules Committee, after making an inventory of the pending "must" bills now awaiting action of his committee, reported that he had at least two weeks work for the House.

Of the bills reported to-day there is a Beal measure prohibiting cotton speculation. The Clayton contempt bill prohibiting blanket injunctions and providing a jury trial in contempt cases, legalizing primary boycotts and penalizing oppression of labor by capital.

The Alexander measure providing for radio communication on all ships and the seamen's wage bill are also scheduled for consideration before the House can adjourn.

TURK'S WIFE VICTIM OF THEFT.

Constantinople Police Chief Saves
Watch by Striking Thief.

Hassan Shoen, a Turk, who says he's the chief of police of Constantinople and who has been in this country several weeks visiting friends at 1320 Fifth avenue, took his wife and son to the Bronx Zoo yesterday. They spent the afternoon looking at the animals and started home on a southbound Third avenue elevated train.

At the Wendover avenue station a man's hand came in the open window behind which Mrs. Shoen was sitting to clutch at a heavy gold chain with a watch at the end of it which Mrs. Shoen was wearing. Mrs. Shoen screamed and clutched at the chain. The man on the platform pulled as the chief whipped out at him with his cane and the chain broke. The watch and part of the chain fell in Mrs. Shoen's lap, but the thief made off down the station steps with the greater part of the chain in his hand. The train drew out before the chief could get off, but at the next station he left the train and reported the theft to the lieutenant of the Tremont avenue police station.

N. Y. FIRM GETS CONTRACT.

Wells Brothers to Build Boston City
Hall Annex.

Boston, July 6.—Announcement was made by Mayor Fitzgerald to-day that the contract for the construction of the City Hall annex will be awarded to the Wells Brothers Company of New York if that company files a list of sub-contractors that is satisfactory to the Superintendent of Public Buildings, Manus J. Fish.

The New York company's bid for the construction of the building with Indiana limestone was \$160,000, or about \$60,000 lower than the nearest competitor, but the company neglected to comply with the specifications calling for a list of sub-contractors.

At least one of the other bidders protested to the Mayor that the proposal of the New York company ought not to be allowed to stand, but the Mayor, acting on the opinion of Corporation Counsel Corbett, declares that while the bid was irregular it was not illegal and that in view of the amount of money that the city would be saving duty compels him to accept the bid.

Heat Causes Five Drownings.

South Bethlehem, Pa., July 6.—Five men who sought refuge from the heat by going into the water have lost their lives here in the last twenty-four hours. Kasar Long dove into the Lehigh canal and his head struck a stone. He died instantly.

The other four, who went bathing at the Thomas lock of the canal, were seized with cramps and sank before help could come. They were Nicholas Samozinski, Nicholas Strickland, Frank Copher and Morris Behring.

FIST FIGHT ON FLOOR OF LOUISIANA HOUSE

Representatives Clash After
Week of Bickering Over
Corporation Bill.

GO AT IT DELIBERATELY

Assembly in Uproar Until
Speaker and Sergeants-at-
Arms Stop the Fuss.

BATON ROUGE, La., July 6.—A week of the most bitter bickering in the history of the Louisiana Legislature culminated to-day in a fist fight on the floor of the House.

The struggle was so furious that it took practically the entire membership of the House of Representatives to separate the combatants.

The principals were Representative T. L. Ferguson of Vermilion parish and Representative John E. Clayton of Concordia. The two fought pretty well every one else in sight, while sergeants-at-arms and the speaker vainly constituted themselves referees. After self-constituted peacekeepers to the number of several scores had pulled the two apart there was peace. The battle was estimated to have lasted five minutes.

The trouble has been over the Williams bill, a measure designed to protect minority stockholders of corporations. The bill was before the Corporations Committee several times and the lie was passed more than once. Personal encounters were prevented, but when the House to-day took up the measure there was a general expectation of trouble and the galleries were crowded for what was certain to prove at the least a spirited debate.

The measure had passed the Senate by an overwhelming majority and it was charged that the House wanted to smother it. Representative Clayton tried to have the House order a committee to make an immediate report upon the bill.

Representative Ferguson immediately sprang up with the charge that such a resolution was an insult to the House. He had just walked into the chamber when he heard what was going on. A bang of the fist emphasized the words.

Clayton asked whether the remark were a result of his insult to the House. He heard what was going on. A bang of the fist emphasized the words.

The fight broke out in the middle of the ring. Neither offered to shake hands. Clayton, the shorter of the two, led off for his opponent's head but landed on his own foot. Ferguson, the taller, caught the head with interest. The fight continued for a few minutes and then the two men were separated by the sergeants-at-arms.

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POLICEMAN STOLE FLOWERS.

His Home Filled With Rare Plants
of Rich Cincinnatians.

CINCINNATI, July 6.—For two years many complaints have been made to the police by residents of the fashionable residential sections of the city of thefts of choice and rare flowers from lawns, verandas and greenhouses. No trace of the crook or crooks with an eye to the beautiful could be discovered by the most alert detectives until early to-day, when Patrolman Dwight Stebbins was arrested. He was found to be carrying under his raincoat two choice potted plants.

Stebbins confessed to the systematic thefts and said he would kill himself if they would give him a revolver. In his residence, even in the cellar, were found many flowers and plants in pots and jardinières, and his backyard was a flower garden full of rare and valuable flowers, foliage and all sorts of plants.

22 CHICAGO HEAT VICTIMS.

Heat Wave Holds City in Grip for
44 Hours.

CHICAGO, July 6.—Twenty-two persons are dead and more than half a hundred others are prostrated as the direct result of eighty-four hours of unbroken heat and intense humidity. To-night a shift of the southern breeze brought a few cool breaths from Lake Michigan and relieved the suffering heat ridden city.

Since daylight to-day fourteen deaths were reported and fully fifty cases of prostration.

Infant mortality, it is feared, will become great if relief is not brought by cooler weather.

The mercury touched the 92 degree mark to-day.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, July 6.—Six more babies died to-day as a result of the heat wave. The temperature hit the 92 mark, a record for the month.

Reports at the Health Department were that hundreds of babies have been made ill by the heat.

SAW WARREN MAN MURDERED.

Woman Tells of Committing Per-
jury in Trial of J. M. Andrews.

CLEVELAND, July 6.—Mrs. Stella Dodge of Warren, Pa., walked into acting Prosecutor Lustig's office to-day and insisted on telling of circumstances connected with the murder of Emil Amann in Warren January 27, 1911. She then told Lustig she committed bigamy in James town, N. Y., and was wanted in that city on a bigamy charge. She declared she wanted to be arrested as a fugitive from justice.

"I am a bigamist and a perjurer. My conscience has been troubling me and I am anxious to make a clean breast of everything. I want to be taken back and put in jail," she said.

Lustig notified Chief Kohler and the woman was questioned for more than an hour by Bertillon Expert Koestle. She told Koestle that she herself had been held two months on suspicion of killing Amann. Heretofore she steadfastly had refused to disclose what she knew. To-day, however, she said she was with Amann on the night he was shot. She declared she saw the murderer escape in a buggy.

Without disclosing these facts, she asserted, she testified John A. Andrews, formerly of Gallion, Ohio, to be tried for the murder of Amann. Andrews was convicted and sentenced to be hanged. Subsequently he obtained a new trial and was acquitted at Erie, Pa., where he was acquitted in June.

JIMMIES INTO WRONG FLAT.

Johnson Finds Some One at Home
and Detectives on Trail.

Junius Johnson, a negro, pictured in the rogues' gallery as a burglar and gunman, strolled westward along 134th street yesterday afternoon. At the Lenox avenue corner he was recognized by Detective Morrell. With two other detectives, Bernitz and Moore, Morrell followed Junius.

The negro turned into an apartment house at 65 West 134th street and rang bell after bell. The clicking of the latch that followed each time indicated that some one was at home in all the flats except that of John L. Overton on the fourth floor.

In reality Mrs. Overton was in her flat, but ill in bed. Knowing her husband, who was at a drug store, had a key, she ignored the ringing.

Johnson stepped up stairs and pushed the button at the Overton door. No answer came. He opened the door. In a moment Mrs. Overton beheld beside her bed a negro who was saying:

"I just want your money. That's all, and I want it quick."

Mrs. Overton jumped up and screamed out of a window. Into the flat bounded the detectives who had trailed Johnson. They found him in the dining room. He fought until pounded into unconsciousness.

Johnson was taken to a hospital. A combination jimmy and blackjack. In a trousers pocket was a loaded revolver.

Junius was locked up in the new Lenox avenue police station. Mrs. Overton will be able to appear against him in court to-day.

BOYS CAPTURE CONVICT.

Mexican Was Escaping From Jail
When They Tackled Him.

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo., July 6.—Glen Schroeder and Phil Price, high school boys, are sharing to-day the distinction of being the youngest captors of an escaped convict in the history of the State. Unarmed, they captured Antonio Garcia, a Mexican jail trusty, last night.

Concluding a game of tennis in a lot near the county jail, the boys saw the prisoner leaving and gave chase. The Mexican hurled a rock at his pursuers, striking and badly injuring Price. Schroeder took up the chase, caught the man and held him until help arrived.

SUE FOR MORE THAN \$500,000.

Insurance Interests Want Damages
From Telephone and Electric Co.'s.

More than \$500,000 is involved in twenty-three damage suits begun in the New Jersey Supreme Court against the New Jersey Telephone Company and the Public Service Electric Company yesterday by the General Adjustment Bureau of New York.

The bureau is acting as the representative of insurance companies that suffered heavy losses in the fire that destroyed the plant of the Knickerbocker Warehouse Company on January 3, 1911. The storage plant is at 102 Arlington street, Newark.

One suit is for claims in excess of \$300,000, representing the alleged loss of the warehouse company. Another is for an art collection owned by Edward Weston, the inventor, which had been stored in the building. A few days ago the fire and the building was valued at \$100,000. The suits are for smaller amounts.

The suits were filed by Richard Boardman, a lawyer of Jersey City, in behalf of the bureau. The suits were brought on the ground that the telephone and electric companies because of defective installation became crossed and started the fire. The suits are for damages suffered by the insurance companies in the loss of the building and the contents thereof.

BRONZE STATUE OF CHAMPLAIN UNVEILED

Twelve Foot Statue of Explorer
Is Dedicated at
Plattsburg.

GOV. DIX RECEIVES IT

Ceremonies Are Preceded by a
Dress Parade and a
Luncheon.

PLATTSBURG, July 6.—The bronze statue of Champlain was unveiled here to-day by the New York and Vermont Champlain Tercentenary commissions, which yesterday presented the Champlain Memorial lighthouse to the nation at Crown Point. The statue is 12 feet high and stands on a 22 foot pedestal of granite, overlooking the lake.

The statue was formally presented to Gov. John A. Dix for the State of New York by J. Wallace Knapp, chairman of the New York Lake Champlain Tercentenary Commission. Francis Lynde Stebbins then accepted the statue from Gov. Dix for the city of Plattsburg.

The dedication and presentation ceremonies were preceded by a dress parade at Plattsburg Barracks and a luncheon given by the citizens committee and the Board of Trade of Plattsburg.

Shortly after 10 o'clock this morning a number of automobiles containing the guests of the New York and Vermont commissions were taken on a tour to historical points in and about Plattsburg. A stop was made for luncheon at Fouquet House. At 1:30 o'clock the Fifth Infantry and several local organizations, under Col. C. D. Cowles, formed in review and started for the monument accompanied by the Fifth Infantry band. The commissions and their guests followed in automobiles.

The dedication ceremonies opened with an invocation by Mr. J. M. Lavelle. Immediately after Mr. Lavelle concluded his benediction the statue was unveiled to the strains of "The Star Spangled Banner." As the heroic sized figure was unveiled Champlain was revealed holding in his hand the arquebous of which speaks in his memoirs. This and his costume of a soldier closely followed the style of his period. His sword, arquebous and morion were all three modeled after authentic originals in the collection of Howland Pell. The sculptor was C. A. Heber of New York City.

The base of the pedestal, of which Dillon, McEllen & Beedel were the architects, forms a seat interrupted in front by a die on which crouches a Huron Indian in granite and similarly interrupted on each side by a die that supports a canoe prow. About the top of the pedestal are garlands of Indian corn.

Count de Perotti de la Rocca of the French Embassy spoke in behalf of the French Republic for the interesting ceremonies in which Gov. Dix accepted the statue for New York and then turned it over to the city of Plattsburg.

The dedication ceremonies concluded with addresses by John A. Stewart and John E. H. Dices, both of New York City.

ELECTRIC LIGHT REFUND.

Public Service Commissioners Say
It Is Illegal.

The Public Service Commission ruled yesterday that the contract between the William Astor estate and the United Electric Light and Power Company is void because it violates the State law forbidding an electric company to grant "any undue or unreasonable preference or advantage to any person, corporation or locality."

The contract, executed in July, 1910, is for supplying light to the Putnam Building in Seventh avenue between Forty-third and Forty-fourth streets. It provided the Astor estate of the requirement that it should supply at its own expense space for installation, and according to the commission the company has had to pay the estate about \$7,500 which would not have been charged under the standard form of contract.

The contract also said that the Astor estate was entitled to a refund in case of a change in the specified quantity of power. Commissioner Matthews, in his opinion written for the commission, holds that the refund is practically a rebate. It was an appeal from the estate against the company's refusal to grant the refund that brought the matter before the commission.

MARQUETTE'S LOSS \$150,000.

Three Business Blocks Destroyed
by Big Fire.

MARQUETTE, Mich., July 6.—The fire which swept through the business district of Marquette last night caused more than \$150,000 loss.

Two large business blocks and one smaller one were burned, the dry goods stores of Louis Graber and A. Westlake, the cloak store of A. E. Putter and the Murray grocery store being total losses, while the dry goods store of E. O. Stafford was badly damaged.

Fire apparatus was brought from Ishpeming and Negawick and the efforts of three departments confined the fire to the above property. For a time it was feared that the entire business section of the city would be swept away. Sparks did ignite the First Presbyterian Church, but the blaze was extinguished. The Bacon Block, the principal building burned, was four stories high and was built